MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*) : May I know whether any representations were received as to the hardship felt by the people on account of mining operations ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Some representations were received some time back.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know the nature of the representations ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : I believe it is about sea erosion or encroachment by the sea. I have not got the papers with me now and so I am not able to give the exact information.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether Government are aware that on account of sea erosion much hardship is felt by the people on the sea coast ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : The matter has been enquired into and the needful will be done.

PRESIDENT : Certain directions have been issued on the matter.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the nature of the orders issued ?

PRESIDENT : A definite order has been issued to the Company to be more careful in regard to the preservation of private property.

Mining lease in favour of Travancore Minerals Company, Ltd.

167. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a mining lease in favour of Travancore Minerals Company, Ltd., was granted;

(*b*) the terms as regards rents and royalties in the lease; and

(*c*) the price of a ton of monazite on the date of the lease; and the price in 1113 and 1114?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy of the terms for payment of royalty for the different minerals in the lease granted to the Travancore Minerals Company is *appended.

(*c*) In the year 1928 the price per ton of monazite was approximately Rs. 250. The price has been steadily decreasing and during the years 1113 and 1114 the price fetched by the mineral was Rs. 160 per ton approximately.

The Labour Commissioner.

168. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date of the appointment of the present Labour Commissioner ;

(*b*) his duties ; and

(*c*) in how many industrial disputes, he has interfered after his appointment till at present ?

* *Vide* Appendix VIII, page 343.

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) 18th September 1939.

(*b*) Co-ordinating the work arising out of the administration of the Labour laws. He is also the Commissioner under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

(*c*) One.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether the Labour Commissioner is a full time officer ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : No ; not as Labour Commissioner.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the name of the Labour Commissioner ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS ; Mr. C. Kumara Das.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : In how many industrial disputes has he interfered after his appointment as Labour Commissioner ?

PRESIDENT : He has intervened and not interfered.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : The answer is given in the printed list.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know what recommendations he has made for the improvement of labour conditions ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Recommendations are confidential.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the Government whether any other representation was made to him for his intervention ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Not since the appointment, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : How many labour disputes have arisen since the appointment of the Labour Commissioner ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : One.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Meenachil* cum *Thodupuzha*) : Has the present Labour Commissioner any previous experience of administration of labour laws ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : No, Sir.

Industrial dispute in the coir factories.

169 ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the Government constituted a Board of Conciliation to inquire into the industrial dispute in the coir factories of the State ; and

(*b*) whether the Board submitted its report ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) The Board of Conciliation was constituted in November 1938.

(*b*) Yes.

Ryots road from 3rd mile, Varkala-Paripalli road.

170 ***MR. WARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for not commencing the work of improvements to the ryots road from 3rd mile, Varkala-Paripalli road to join Paripalli-Bhuthakulam trace ?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : Lands have not been acquired. The first half mile of the road is of very steep gradient and this portion has to be retraced along flatter grades. The matter is receiving

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